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4/25/03 T.B.PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all pending claims and add the following claims.

---21. A method for detecting a taggant in an article, comprising:

providing a taggant in a portion of an article;

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